

VASSAR COLLEGE

WHAT  
HAPPENS  
HERE II  
THE  
RESULTS

APRIL 25 2018

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE



**Introduction:** Purpose + Overview

**Section One:** Numbers + Trends

**Section Two:** Progress

**Section Three:** Resources

**Section Four:** Where Do We Go From Here?

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# CONTENT WARNING + RESOURCES AVAILABLE



**This presentation contains data about sexual misconduct and partner violence at Vassar. Please take care of yourselves and one another. Feel free to step out if you need to.**

**Outside this room there are Metcalf counselors and Sexual Assault Response Team Advocates whom you can speak with if you find yourself in need of support.**

The Vassar College Survey of Social Behaviors and Student Experiences was conducted in the 2016-2017 academic year.

All students enrolled at Vassar were invited to participate in the confidential survey, and 40% of the student body responded. The sample of respondents was representative of the full college population in terms of gender, year of study, and race/ethnicity.

Where possible, we compared results from the 2017 survey to results from the 2015 survey.

# **WHAT HAPPENS HERE**

A Survey of Social Behaviors and Student Experiences

# COMMON TERMS & TERMINOLOGY



**Respondent:** student who responded to the survey

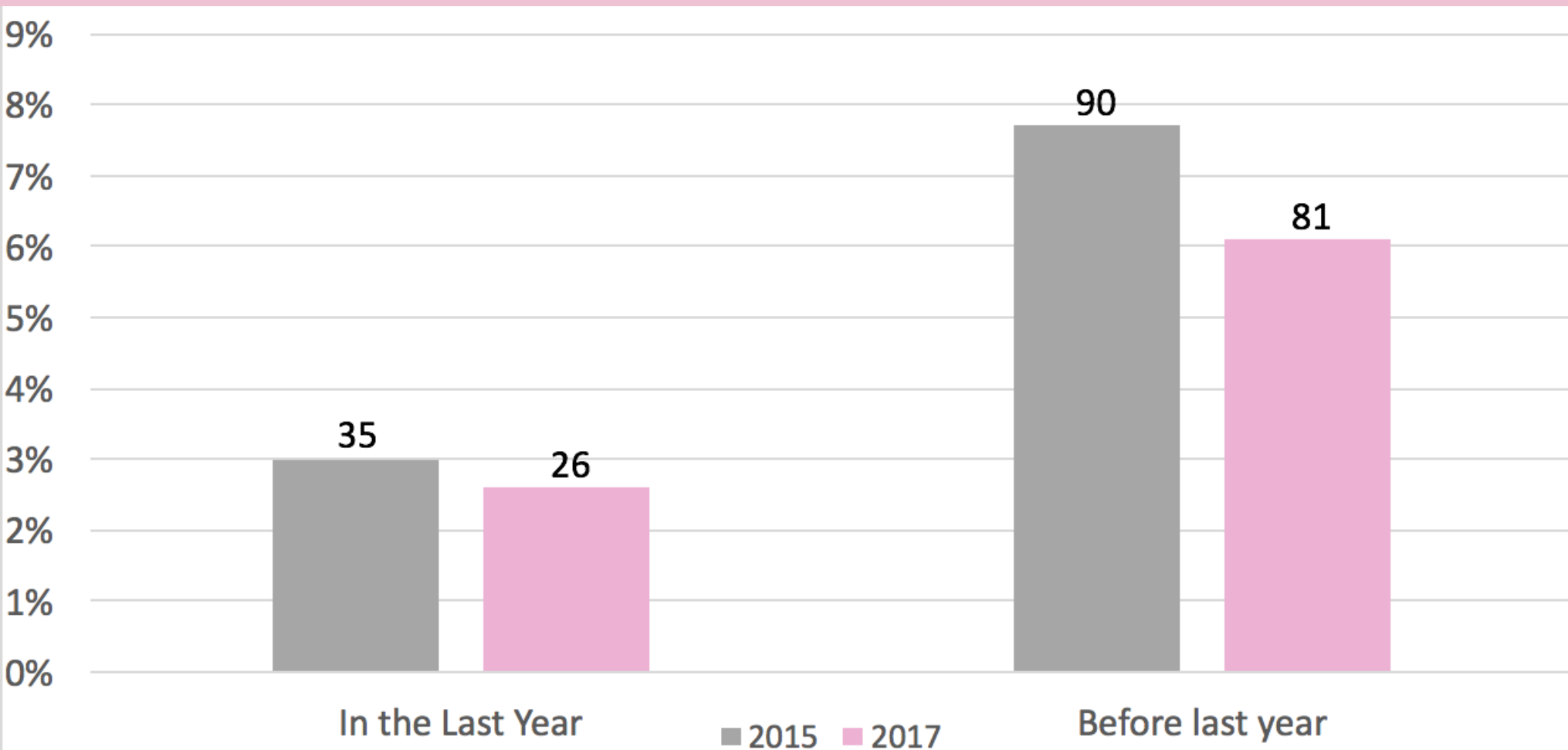
**"Reported experiencing":** indicated having such an experience in response to the survey

**Formal Response/Complaint:** indicated having filed a formal report/complaint and initiating a formal investigation with the Title IX Office

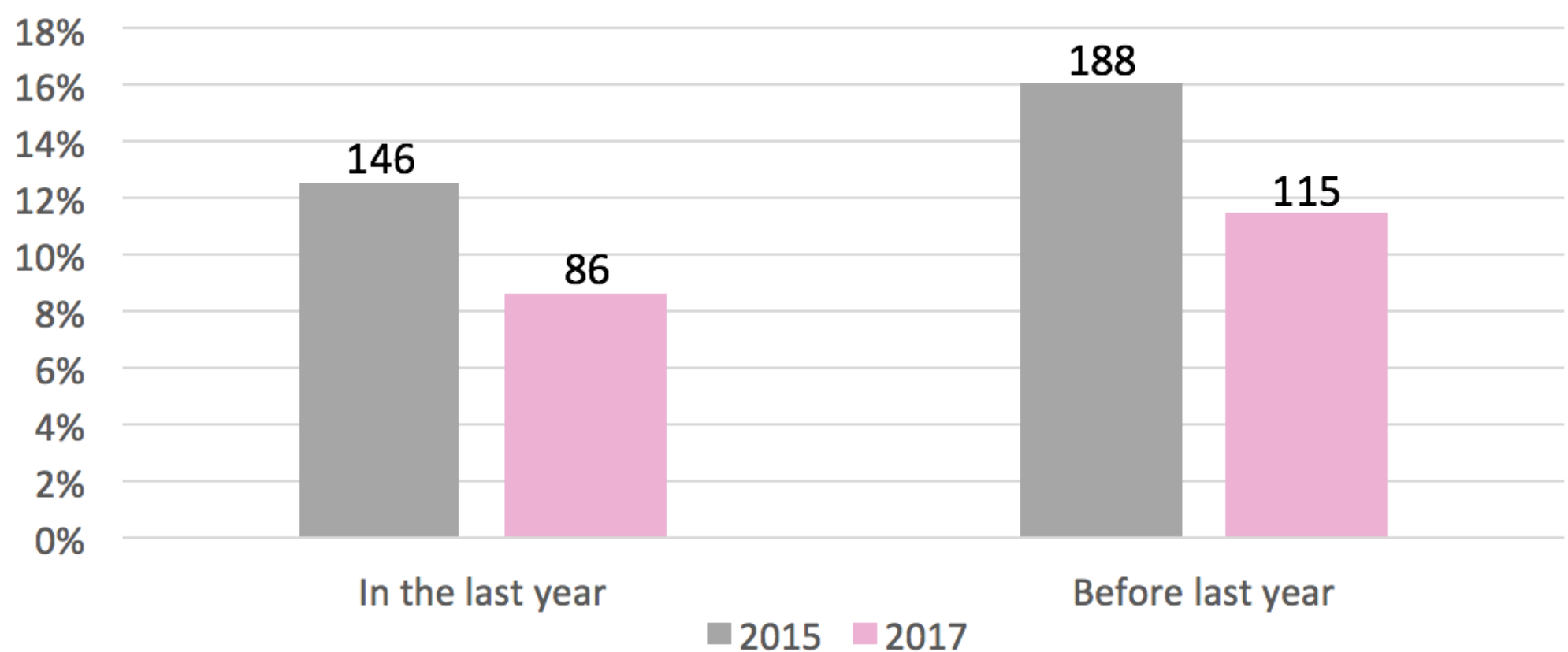
**Complainant:** individual who files a formal report/complaint against another

**Accused:** individual who is accused of an offense in a formal report/complaint

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# RATES OF PENETRATIVE NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT + GENDER IDENTITY

Rates of penetrative non-consensual sexual contact during their time at Vassar.

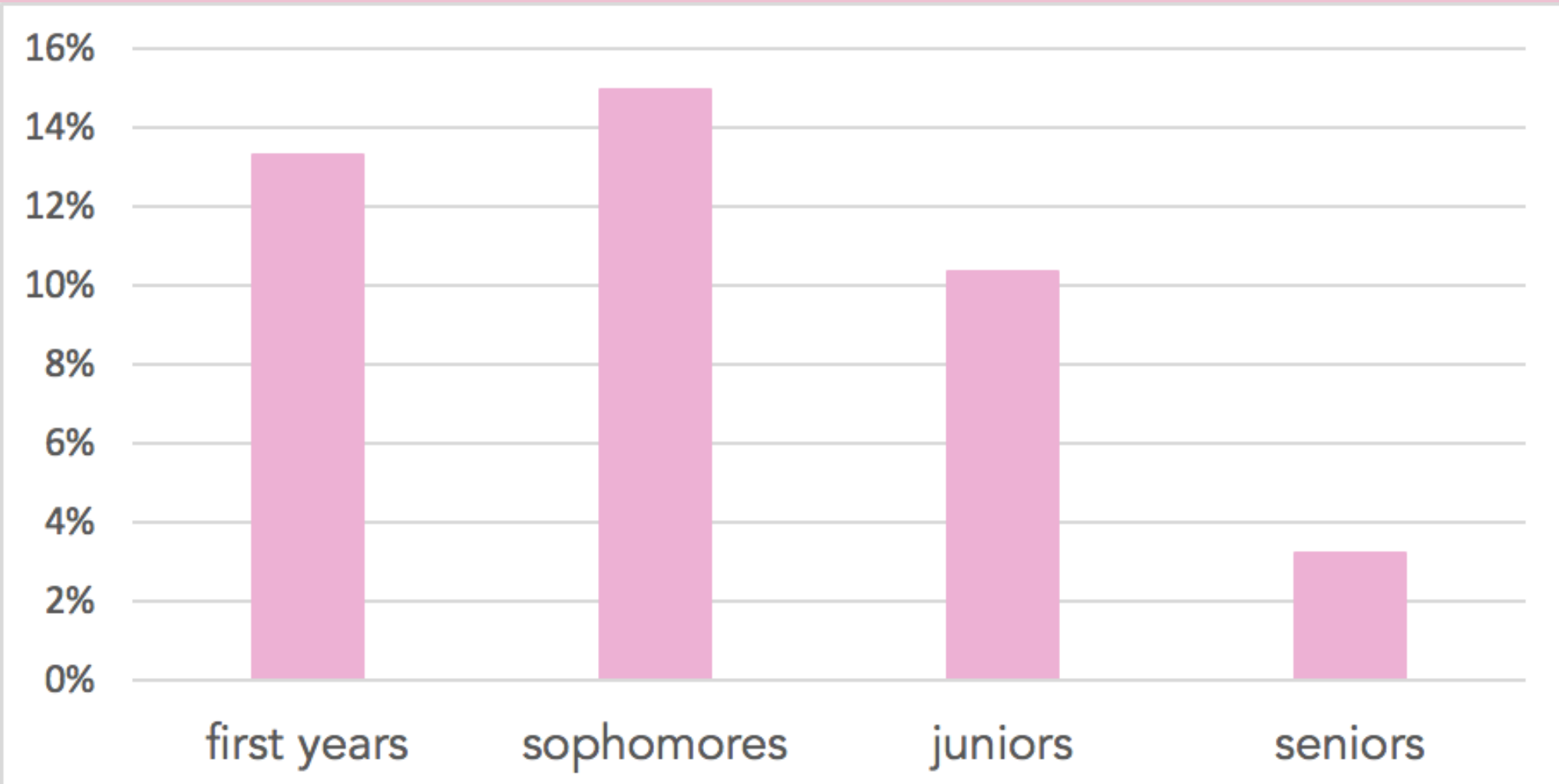
Cis Women	10.7%
Cis Men	2.9%
Trans/Queer/Another	12.7%



# RATES OF PENETRATIVE NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT + RACIAL AND GENDER IDENTITY

	White	Black	Asian	Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	Other	Hispanic
Cis Women	12.0%	9.5%	5.2%	12.5%	16.7%	14.6%
Cis Men	2.8%	6.7%	2.4%	0%	0%	0%
Trans/Queer/Another	10.5%	12.5%	33.3%	0%	12.5%	14.3%

# RATES OF NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT IN THE LAST YEAR AT VASSAR + CLASS YEAR



# FACTORS OF COERCION + FORCE

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**89.1%** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact reported that **alcohol or drugs** were involved in the incident

**35.9%** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact reported that **physical intimidation** was involved in the incident

**14.1%** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact reported that **physical force** was involved in the incident

# NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON SURVIVORS



**51.6%** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact experienced **lost or declined interest in intimacy of sex**

**35.9%** experienced **eating disorders or discomforts**

**39.1%** experienced an **inability to do work or complete assignments**

**39.1%** experienced a **decline in grades**

# DISCLOSING AN INCIDENT + USING RESOURCES



**73.8%** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact discussed the incident w/ a friend or family member

**about a third** of those who experienced nonconsensual sexual contact during their time at Vassar discussed the incident with a **Vassar resource:**

- 9.3%** spoke to the Vassar Counselors or Staff

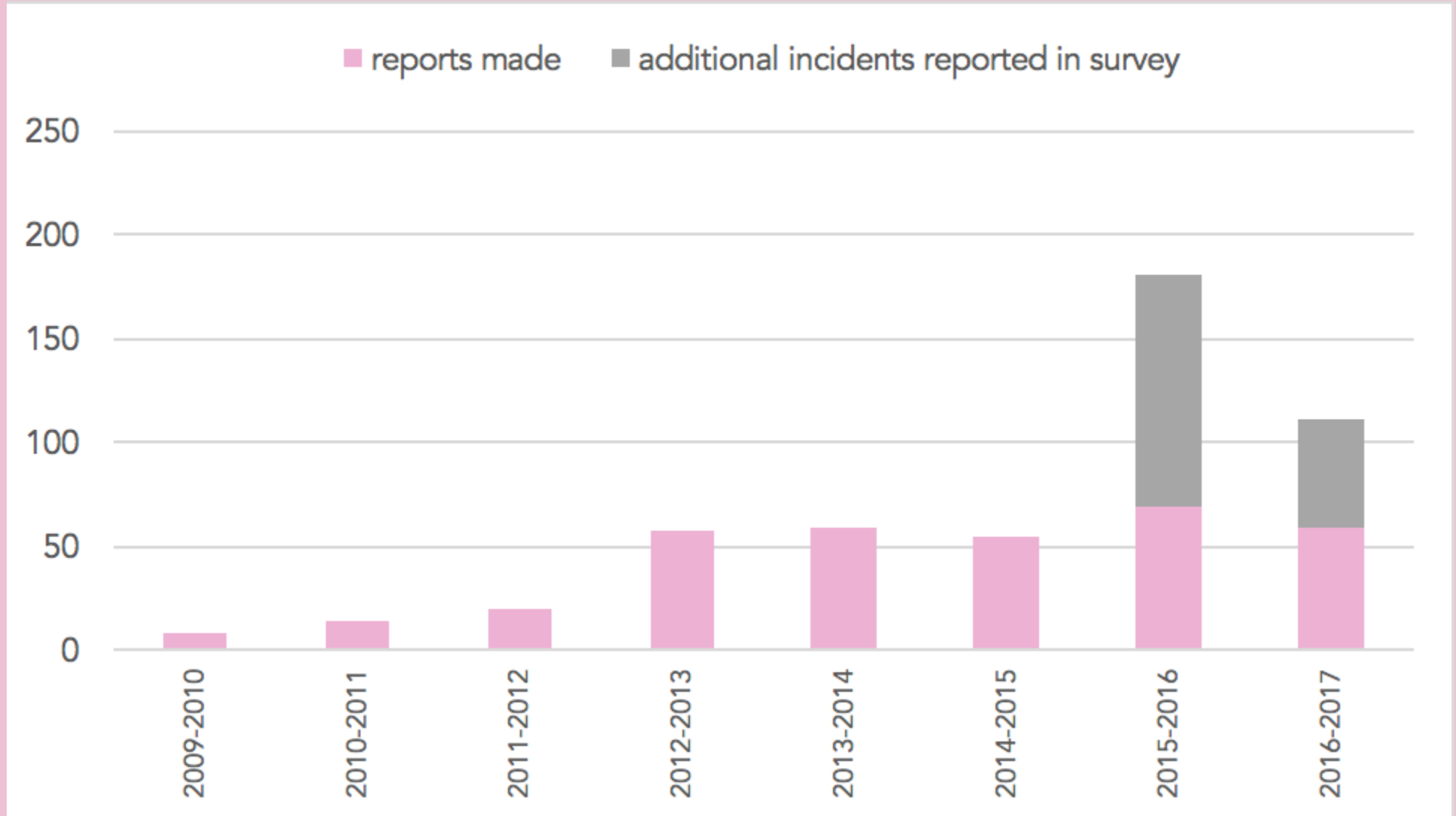
- 20.2%** spoke to a Vassar Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate

- 4.9%** spoke to the Title IX Office

- 3.5%** of survey respondents who reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact reported filing a formal report to Title IX

# SART/SAVP REPORTING HISTORY

Number of reports of sexual misconduct made to a Vassar survivor advocate per year



# TITLE IX STUDENT REPORTING HISTORY

January 2016 through December 2017

total number of cases reported: 94

total number of cases referred to a hearing: 5

number of cases in which the accused was  
**found responsible: 4/5, or 80%**

number of cases in which the accused was found  
responsible that resulted in **suspension or expulsion:**  
**3/4, or 75%**

# KNOWLEDGE + PERCEPTIONS



**56.1%** of survey participants responded that they have read Vassar's sexual misconduct and assault policy

**91.8%** of survey participants responded that they have received education on sexual misconduct and assault prevention, but only **19.1%** are satisfied or very satisfied with the information received



# KNOWLEDGE + PERCEPTIONS



**48%** of survey participants agree or strongly agree that Vassar College would take a report of sexual assault seriously

**20.2%** of survey participants believe that Vassar College would work to remedy underlying factors on campus

# PROGRESS WE'VE MADE

Since our first What Happens Here survey in the Spring of 2015, 

the TITLE IX OFFICE has

- formed a Title IX **Student Advisory Committee** and collaborated with **SAVP student interns**
- recruited and trained faculty and administrators to serve as "**Process Advisors**" who can provide support to students involved in a Title IX Claim during and after the process
- held **focus groups** for various student populations, including LGBTQIA students and students of color
- held online and in-person **trainings** for the entire community on reporting responsibilities, process, and adjudication

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SAVP (Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention) has

- instituted **mandatory trainings** for campus student leaders: athletes and organization leaders
- increased **educational outreach on supporting survivors** including ongoing workshop series, new materials
- scheduled further **SART advocate trainings** for faculty, staff, and administration
- created the position of **Violence Prevention Educator**

# ONGOING PROJECTS & EFFORTS

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**residential model:** increased training and support of student fellows on strategies for prevention and response

ongoing evaluation of **orientation** training materials and programming

**peer-to-peer resources:** looking for enhancements, possibilities & best practices

**WHAT DO YOU  
WANT TO  
SEE?**



# WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

## **REPORT ON/OFF CAMPUS:**

Town of Poughkeepsie Police:

**911 or (845) 485-3666**

NYS Police CSAVU:

**(844) 845-7269**

Vassar Safety & Security:

**(845) 437-7333**

Vassar Title IX Coordinator:

**(845) 437-7924**

## **FREE CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL CARE**

SAFE Exams at

Vassar Brothers Medical Center:

**(845) 454-8500**

Mid Hudson Regional Hospital:

**(845) 483-5000**

Vassar Health Services

**(845) 437-5800**

# WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

## **FREE CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING**

Vassar Counseling Services:	<b>(845) 437-5700</b>
Center for Victim Safety & Support:	<b>(845) 452-7272</b>
Poughkeepsie Grace Smith House:	<b>(845) 452-7155</b>

## **ADVOCACY & SUPPORT**

Vassar Sexual Assault Response Team (24/7):	<b>(845) 437-7333</b>
Vassar SAVP Director & Survivor Advocate:	<b>(845) 437-7863</b>
Center for Victim Safety & Support Rape Crisis/Crime	<b>(845) 452-7272</b>
Center for Victim Safety & Support Domestic Violence	<b>(845) 485-5550</b>

## **VASSAR ACCOMODATIONS**

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# WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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visit

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for the full report